(ङ) नये पदधारी की शैक्षिक अर्हताएं और अनुभव इस प्रकार हैं:—

(1) एम०एस०सी०; एम० फिल, पी०एच०डी० (जनेटिक);

(2) ग्राम विकास वाहिनी का महासचिव;

(3) सी०एस०आई०आर० (1975-78) में अनुसंधान वैज्ञानिक;

(4) ट्राइसेम बनाने के लिए ग्रामीण विकास समिति का सदस्य;

(5) अनेक वैज्ञानिक समितियों के सदस्य और सहयोगी।

(6) शैक्षिक संस्थानों से सम्बद्ध।

Cancellation of I.A. flights

2081. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of flights of Indian Airlines which were cancelled during the period October, 1989 to April, 1990;

(b) what were the reasons for their cancellation;

(c) what is the quantum of financial loss suffered by Indian Airlines due to these cancellations; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) During the period October, 1989 to April, 1990, out of a total of 50,257 flights operated by Indian Airlines, 1,963 flights were cancelled of which 209 flights were concelled due to aircraft mainteance and handling, 700 due to weather conditions, airport restrictions and miscellaneous reasons, and 1,054 flights were cancelled due to consequential reasons.

(c) It is not possible to quantify the loss due to cancellations of flights. As in such contingencies a large number of passengers travel by alternate schedule services of Indian Airlines. However, Indian Airlines incurs expenditure on passengers towards hotel accommodation, food and transportation. The expenditure on this account during the said period is estimated at Rs. 5.63 crores

(d) Indian Airlines has recently taken the following steps to minimise cancellations of flights.

—In case of serious snags, which are likely to result in cancellations or inordinate delays, the Chief Engineering Manager of the base station is require to personally inspect the aircraft and in case the rectification is likely to result in delay or cancellation, then information is passed on to the enroute stations immediately;

—The Regional Directors are holding daily meetings with the Chief Engineering Manager, Operations Managers and Commercial Managers to discuss such snags;

—Reviews are also conducted at the Headquarters by the Commercial Director, Director of Engineering and Director of Operations.

Manufacture of Corrugated boxes for packaging of apples by Agro Industrial Packaging India Ltd., Himachal Pradesh

2082. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agro Industrial Packaging India Ltd., Himachal Pradesh has been granted licence to manufacture corrugated boxes for packaging of apples;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the company has been allowed to import capital goods from United Kingdom and Japan on the basis of biased and vested recommendation and wrong evaluation of cost of capital goods by the private consultants and Director General Technical Development resulting in non-viability of the project and thereby forcing the Government of Himachal Pradesh to decide to sell this project to private sector;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government against the private consultants and officials of D.G.T.D. for furnishing biased recommendations; and

(e) whether Government would set up a Committee and consider continuance of corrugated paper boxes project in the public sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A letter of intent has been issued on 30-5-1986 to M/s. Agro Industrial Packaging (I) Ltd., a Government of Himachal Pradesh undertaking, to set up a new unit for manufacture of (i) High Strength Kraft Paper and (ii) Corrugated Cartons

(c) In Dec., 1988, Government had allowed the Company to import Capital Goods from Japan & U.K. for this project, after considering the essentiality and indigenous angles. The Company has reported that their Consultants evaluated the offers against global tenders and their recommendations to import the Capital Goods were based on technical and commercial considerations. The Company has also reported that the project is viable and, at this stage, there is no proposal to sell this project to private sector.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

ASSOCHAM'S request for overhauling of MRTP Act

2083. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI RAMADAS AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASSOCHAM has requested Government for thorough overhauling of MRTP Act;

(b) whether Government are planning to raise the limit for MRTP companies; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether ASSOCHAM has also desired revision of FERA and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) ASSOCHAM has represented to the Government for changes in the MRTP Act, 1969, including raise in the threshold limit from Rs. 100 crores to Rs. 500 crores under Section 20 of the Act.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to increase the threshold limit under section 20 of MRTP Act, 1969.

(c) The Chamber has sought revision of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) and greater encouragement to foreign direct investment.

Assets, turn over and Profits of Twenty Top Industrial Houses

2084. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: